

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A toaster comprising: a case having lateral walls that
5 constitute the outer cover of said toaster, said case
containing a frame forming a toasting chamber having an
opening at an upper part of said case and an opening at a
lower part of said case; a base removably connectable to said
case and facing the opening at the lower part of said case;
10 and heating means for said chamber having heating elements
situated in proximity to said chamber and connected to a
device that includes an electric circuit for supplying
electric power and for controlling said heating elements,
wherein said base is completely removable from said case, and
15 said base and said case have respective elements that interact
with one another when said case is disposed on said base, such
that withdrawal of said case from said base suppresses the
interaction to prevent the supply of electric power to said
heating elements.

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2. The toaster of claim 1, wherein said base has a hollow
zone for collecting crumbs, said zone being located directly
beneath said toasting chamber when said case is mounted on
said base.

3. The toaster of claim 1, further comprising a vertically
movable bread rack for supporting bread in said toasting
chamber, and wherein said element in said case can occupy two
5 positions depending on whether said case is disposed or not on
said base, one of said positions being located in the path of
travel of said bread rack or of a piece that is movable with
said bread rack, while preventing said bread rack or said
piece from reaching the lower part of said toaster when said
10 case is not properly connected to said base.

4. The toaster of claim 1, wherein said element in said base
is a finger and said element in said case is an electric
switch in said electric circuit for supplying current to said
15 heating elements.

5. The toaster of claim 4, wherein said switch comprise a
contact that opens said circuit for supplying current for said
heating elements when said base is separated from said case.

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6. The toaster of claim 5, wherein said base has an electric
connector connected to a plug for connection to electric power
means, said connector cooperating, when said case is disposed
on said base, with a complementary part that is disposed on

said frame or said case of said toaster and that is electrically connected to said heating elements.

7. The toaster of claim 6, wherein said circuit for
5 supplying power to said heating elements has an electric trigger locking said case to said base when said heating elements are being supplied with power.

8. The toaster of claim 1, wherein said base has an electric
10 connector connected to a plug for connection to electric power means, said connector cooperating, when said case is disposed on said base, with a complementary part that is disposed on said frame or said case of said toaster and that is electrically connected to said heating elements.

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9. The toaster of claim 1, wherein said circuit for supplying power to said heating elements has an electric trigger locking said case to said base when said heating elements are being supplied with power.

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